

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Sun et al. Examiner: Thanh V. Pham  
Serial No.: 10/621,292 Group Art Unit: 2823  
Filed: July 17, 2003 Docket: 8021-160 (SS-18118-US)  
For: **METHOD OF FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE USING A NICKEL SALICIDE PROCESS**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE REQUIRING EXCESS CLAIMS FEES**

Sir:

In response to the Notice Requiring Excess Claims Fees dated July 15, 2005, applicants enclose a Supplemental Amendment to indicate claims 9-11 as "canceled", rather than "withdrawn" as previously filed in the Amendment filed on June 22, 2005. Accordingly, the excess claim fees are \$350.00, as originally paid by the applicant by Credit Card on June 22, 2005, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Also enclosed is a copy of the return receipt postcard which indicates submission of the Credit Card Payment Form on June 22, 2005.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

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Dated: July 22, 2005

  
Frank Chau

Please charge any deficiency as well as any other fee(s) which may become due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and/or §1.17 at any time during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment of such fee(s) to Deposit Account 50-0679. Also, in the event any extensions of time for responding and/or a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(i) are required for the pending application(s), please treat this paper as a petition to extend the time.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate (Small Entity)	Addit. Fee	Rate	Addit. Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS*	23	20	3	x 25 =	\$0	x 50 =	\$150
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	3	1	x 100	\$0	x 200 =	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim				180		360	\$0

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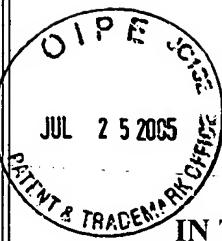
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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the following claim amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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